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SAN JOSE FOR DR. WEATHERSBY, APHIS

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTION

1. PLEASE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE MOST SENIOR MEAT INSPECTION OFFICIAL OF GUATEMALA FROM DR. FRED J. FULLERTON, ACTING DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION, APHIS/USDA.

2. MESSAGE. DR. C.L. BELFIELD, APHIS/USDA, RECENTLY VISITED GUATEMALA. HE OBSERVED THAT DR. CARLOS RODAS WAS DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB OF DIRECTING THE GUATEMALAN MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES NAMELY INSUFFICIENT STAFFING AND INADEQUATE PROVISIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION, TRAVEL AND TRAINING.

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THESE NEEDS WERE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH THE GUATEMALAN MEAT
INSPECTION OFFICIALS AND THE FORMER MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
TO DATE NO CORRECTIVE ACTION HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING. NEVERTHELESS,
CORRECTION OF THESE ITEMS IS ESSENIAL IF GUATEMALA WISHES TO
MAINTAIN ITS ELIGIBILITY TO EXPORT MEAT TO THE UNITED STATES.
WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT DR. RODAS CAN OVERCOME THESE DIFFICULTIES
IF HE HAS THE NECESSARY SUPPORT. KISSINGER

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